

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

No. 7:23-CV-897

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CAMP LEJEUNE WATER LITIGATION	)	<u>ORDER</u>
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This matter is before the court on the parties' joint motion to amend pretrial deadlines [DE-310]. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1) and 16(b)(4), and good cause having been shown, the Court amends its Pretrial Scheduling Order [DE-270], and hereby orders that:

- 1) Pursuant to the Order entered on July 9, 2024 [DE-250], discovery related to the Track 1 Trial Plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs") closed on August 11, 2024.
- 2) The Plaintiffs will disclose their experts relating to the "toxic chemical exposure from the water at Camp Lejeune" (the "Water Contamination Phase") 75 days after the close of fact discovery.
- 3) The United States will disclose its experts relating to the Water Contamination Phase 45 days after the Plaintiffs disclose their experts relating to the Water Contamination Phase.
- 4) The Plaintiffs will disclose their rebuttal experts relating to the Water Contamination Phase 36 days after the United States discloses its experts relating to the Water Contamination Phase.
- 5) The Plaintiffs will disclose their experts relating to "general causation for Track 1 illnesses" (the "General Causation Phase") 120 days after the close of fact discovery.
- 6) The United States will disclose its experts relating to the General Causation Phase 60 days after the Plaintiffs disclose their experts relating to the General Causation Phase.

7) The Plaintiffs will disclose their rebuttal experts relating to the General Causation Phase 36 days after the United States discloses its experts relating to the General Causation Phase.

8) The Plaintiffs will disclose their experts relating to specific causation, damages, and any other expert discipline not covered by an earlier phase (the “Residual Expert Phase”), 180 days after the close of fact discovery.

9) The United States will disclose its experts relating to the Residual Expert Phase 60 days after the Plaintiffs disclose their experts relating to the Residual Expert Phase.

10) The Plaintiffs will disclose their rebuttal experts relating to the Residual Expert Phase 36 days after the United States discloses its experts relating to the Residual Expert Phase.

11) Following the expert disclosures relating to each phase, the Parties will have 60 days to complete expert discovery relating that phase.

12) Following the completion of expert discovery relating to each phase, the Parties will have 45 days to serve motions to exclude any experts (“*Daubert* motions”) and motions for summary judgment relating to that phase. The Parties will have 36 days to file oppositions to the motions and 29 days to file replies to the oppositions.

13) The Parties will disclose expert reliance files within 7 days of the initial expert disclosure for that expert.

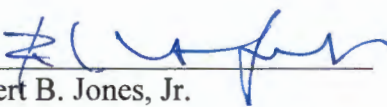
14) Expert witness depositions will be presumptively limited to 7 hours per expert for these phases absent agreement of the Parties or court order for good cause.

15) Each Party will pay for the time that any opposing Party’s expert spends under oath in deposition, at the same rate paid by the Party that retained the expert; otherwise, the Parties are responsible for the fees of the experts they retain.

The table below summarizes the Parties’ expert discovery and briefing deadlines, as amended by this order:

Phase	Deadline	Original Date	Amended Date
1 Water Contamination	PLG Disclosure	October 25, 2024	October 25, 2024
1 Water Contamination	DOJ Disclosure	December 9, 2024	December 9, 2024
2 General Causation	PLG Disclosure	December 9, 2024	December 9, 2024
1 Water Contamination	PLG Rebuttal	December 30, 2024	January 14, 2025
3 Residual Experts	PLG Disclosure	January 23, 2025	February 7, 2025
2 General Causation	DOJ Disclosure	January 23, 2025	February 7, 2025
1 Water Contamination	Expert Close	February 13, 2025	March 15, 2025
2 General Causation	PLG Rebuttal	February 13, 2025	March 15, 2025
3 Residual Experts	DOJ Disclosure	March 9, 2025	April 8, 2025
1 Water Contamination	Opening Briefs	March 15, 2025	April 29, 2025
3 Residual Experts	PLG Rebuttal	March 30, 2025	May 14, 2025
1 Water Contamination	Opposition Briefs	April 5, 2025	June 4, 2025
2 General Causation	Expert Close	March 30, 2025	May 14, 2025
1 Water Contamination	Reply Briefs	April 19, 2025	July 3, 2025
2 General Causation	Opening Briefs	April 29, 2025	June 28, 2025
3 Residual Experts	Expert Close	May 14, 2025	July 13, 2025
2 General Causation	Opposition Briefs	May 20, 2025	August 3, 2025
2 General Causation	Reply Briefs	June 3, 2025	September 1, 2025
3 Residual Experts	Opening Briefs	June 13, 2025	August 27, 2025
3 Residual Experts	Opposition Briefs	July 4, 2025	October 2, 2025
3 Residual Experts	Reply Briefs	July 18, 2025	October 31, 2025

SO ORDERED, the 28 day of January 2025.

  
 Robert B. Jones, Jr.  
 United States Magistrate Judge